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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources - Crossbow Hunting - Authorization**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to authorize a
4 holder of a valid Maryland hunting license to use a crossbow during certain
5 hunting seasons; and generally relating to hunting with a crossbow.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Natural Resources
8 Section 10-408
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article - Natural Resources
13 Section 10-602(g)(2)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article - Natural Resources**

19 10-408.

20 (A) [The] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE Department
21 shall prescribe by regulation the means or weapons for hunting designated wildlife.
22 The Department shall set forth any restrictions relating to weapons used to hunt
23 designated wildlife, including the amount and size of ammunition for designated
24 game birds or mammals. The Department shall make the regulations available for
25 distribution with each hunting license purchased. This section does not authorize the
26 Department to restrict the use of firearms except in the activity of hunting designated
27 wildlife.

1 (B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 10-602(G)(2) OF THIS TITLE, THE DEPARTMENT
2 SHALL AUTHORIZE A HOLDER OF A VALID MARYLAND HUNTING LICENSE TO USE A
3 CROSSBOW DURING ANY HUNTING SEASON ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT
4 DURING WHICH THE USE OF A BOW AND ARROW IS AUTHORIZED.

5 10-602.

6 (g) (2) A person may not hunt wild waterfowl with a crossbow.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2003.